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SENATOR DIERKS: Sure.

SENATOR JANSSEN: Senator Dierks, what...what are we...we're going to enhance the ability of the weights and measu...Department of Weights and Measures to put more restrictions on the devices that are used now? Is that right?

SENATOR DIERKS: No, I don't think that that's the intent. I think what the intent is to bring us up to date with federal legislation that calls for strengthening of our weights and measures testing.

SENATOR JANSSEN: Right, now, so they would come in and, say, in my grocery store, the State Division of Weights and Measures would be able to come in and enhance their ability to levy fines, and penalties and so on?

SENATOR DIERKS: I don't think it...

SENATOR JANSSEN: In accordance, would that...in accordance with federal law, is that right?

SENATOR DIERKS: It doesn't enhance any more than what the federal law allows or asks them to do.

SENATOR JANSSEN: Uh-huh. Do you know the difference between the federal law and what the state can do now?

SENATOR DIERKS: Do I know what the difference is?

SENATOR JANSSEN: Yes.

SENATOR DIERKS: I don't...there shouldn't...there should be no difference with the passage of this bill. I think there...this is the reason we have it is to bring us up to date with our weights and measures program in Nebraska.

SENATOR JANSSEN: All right. I...I see that the...that Nebraska Retail Federation appeared in a neutral capacity, is that right, during the hearing?

SENATOR DIERKS: Yes, I believe that is right.